(b) if so, the details of the project and cost thereof and how the power and the cost would be shared; and

(c) whether the project has been approved; if not, at what stage the project stands?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The project is proposed to be implemented in two phases with each phase of 1000 MW capacity. The project cost for installation of 1000 MW (2x500 MW) in first phase was estimated at Rs. 4066 crores including IDC and FC as per Feasibility Report of November, 2001. As per Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Government of Madhya Pradesh and Government of Gujarat, the manner and extent of sharing benefits from the project would be mutually decided by both the Governments.

Hydropower station in Arunachal Pradesh

3043. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has ignored a cheaper offer from PSU Navaratna Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) to build a 2,000 MW hydropower station in Arunachal Pradesh and has favoured a French conglomerate Alstom for it; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a): No, Sir. National Hydroelectic Power Corporation (NHPC) has informed that tendering for the electro-mechanical package of Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project (2000 MW) was processed through the international competitive bidding route. After techno-economic evaluation of the price bids, in accordance with the evaluation criteria specified in the Bidding Document, the Consortium of M/s Alstom Power Hydraulique, France and M/s Alstom Projects India Ltd. was found to be the lowest evaluated bidder by NHPC.

(b) Does not arise.